

# TIPS ON HOW TO PRESS PERFECT FLOWERS



Pressing flowers is a wonderful way of preserving their beauty. You can create lasting and personal pictures or cards that will be unique and attractive. For best results follow the tips below.

- \* Use fresh flowers or leaves – cut them using suitable secateurs or snips and aim to press them straight away.
- \* Pick flowers or leaves in dry weather. However it's not a real problem if they are wet, place in a small vase until the petals dry out.
- \* Choose perfect flowers or leaves, without blemishes or marks and select flowers that are not too fleshy and those that will flatten well.
- \* This set is designed for use with smaller flowers – perfect subjects are violas, ferns, bluebells, grasses, cornflowers, asters, daisies, geraniums and so many more...
- \* Undo the wing nuts and remove the top lid and layers inside. First place a card sheet in the press, then a sheet of the white blotting paper. Arrange flowers on this paper, try to avoid flowers touching each other.
- \* Now cover the flowers with another sheet of blotting paper, and then another sheet of card. The blotting paper will soak up excess moisture.
- \* Build up the flower press with layers of card, paper and flowers to the top, replace the lid and tighten up the wing nuts. Keep somewhere dry.
- \* Undo the press every few days and allow the blotting paper to dry in air without moving the flowers.
- \* Your flowers should take 3-4 weeks to become completely flat and dry. Do not remove them until all the moisture has gone.
- \* Now for the fun bit! Use the cards and envelopes in this kit to make perfect presents.
- \* Use the tweezers to handle the delicate dried flowers and attach to the cards with a small amount of the glue from this set. You can also use dried flowers to make attractive bookmarks, candles, photo album covers or even decorative lamp shades – just use your imagination!

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**WARNING**

Recommended age 6 to adult

**FUNCTIONAL SHARP POINT** Take care with tweezers.

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Keep adhesive away from eyes & protect skin. Do not swallow or inhale. If adhesive enters eyes do not rub, wash with plenty of clean water. Wash skin with soap and water. Seek medical advice if any irritation develops or persists.